Union Territories for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS). The distribution through PDS is monitored by the State Government. In addition, the Central Government makes allocation outside PDS and under the special categories meant for Railways, Defence, DGS and D, etc., who are supplied directly by the Oil Companies. The Central Government does not allocate Kerosene directly to private sector companies.

Provision of Waiting List Slips to Consumers of North-East

4217. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no necessity to wait for gas connection in North-Eastern Region from the agents for domestic purpose;

(b) if so, why it is there in the gas coupons given to the MPs of North-East the provision of getting waiting list slip with number and filling up that provision, which the agents are not providing; and

(c) if not, whether Government would instruct the agents to provide the waiting list slips to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) to (c) At present, PSU Oil Companies are releasing LPG connections on demand in the North-Eastern Region after completing the registration of the customers. As per the existing guidelines, an LPG connection against the priority coupon issued by the Hon'ble M.P., is released after making the registration with the concerned LPG distributor.

Complaint against LPG dealers in Maharashtra

4218. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaint against the dealers of L.P.G. in Maharashtra;

(b) the details and nature of the complaints; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter, case-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) to (c) Public Sector

Oil Companies have received 50 established complaints against their LPG distributors for indulging in various malpractices during the year 1999-2000. Action was taken against such distributors for the established malpractice/ irregularity, depending upon its nature as per the Distributorship agreement in vogue.

Quantum of Crude and Petro Products Imported

4219. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated quantum of import of Crude, Petroleum and Petoleum Products during 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the estimated cost thereof in terms of dollars and rupees, respectively;

(c) the quantum of the said import made under long term contract and that purchased from the open market, and

(d) the average transport cost in terms of dollar and rupee respectively for crude oil imported during the said years through all the sources on the basis of import made between April 1997 to March, 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) The estimated quantity and value of import of crude oil and petroleum products during 1996-97 and 1997-98 were as under :—

	Crude Oil			Petroleum Products		
Year	Quantity million metric tonnes (MMT)	Value $ Million	Value Rs. Crore	Quantity million metric tonnes (MMT)	Value $ Million	Value Rs. Crore
1996-97	33.905	5134.97	18312.08	19.467	4194.92	14965.14
1997-98	34.493	4246.08	15832.13	18.600	3148.13	11754.71

(c) The procurement of the above quantities through term contracts and throuth tender systems is furnished below: